

# Special Session

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	7
<b>Meeting Date</b>	December 6, 2004
<b>Prepared By</b>	Catherine E. Waters City Clerk / Treasurer
<b>Reviewed By</b>	Wayne Hobbs

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution re: Coalition to Clean-up Takoma Branch
<b>Background</b>	The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is facilitating a coalition of local partners to initiate efforts to provide public education and raise awareness regarding environmental impacts on the Takoma Branch tributary, to identify and reduce/eliminate harmful contaminants, and to seek available funding for restoration and continued preservation of the Anacostia Watershed and its tributaries.
<b>Policy</b>	Council puts forth official, political “positions” on a variety of issues by way of Resolution.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Resolution
<b>Recommendation</b>	Adopt resolution.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**RESOLUTION #2004 - \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Supporting Formation of a Coalition to Clean-up Takoma Branch.**

- WHEREAS,** the Anacostia River is designated as one of the nation's most polluted rivers; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** reduction of pollution in the Anacostia River is dependent on improved environmental conditions of waterways throughout the Anacostia Watershed; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Branch, which includes portions of Montgomery County (i.e., the City of Takoma Park), Prince George's County and the District of Columbia, is both the largest and most degraded tributary in the highly urbanized Sligo Creek Subwatershed of the Anacostia Watershed; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** over 4.0 million dollars has been spent since 1989 on Sligo Creek restoration, while the Takoma Branch has remained largely ignored; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the communities surrounding the Takoma Branch are largely uninformed and unaware of the history, current condition and restoration potential of this once beautiful stream; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is a regional organization coordinating Washington area local government actions on a variety of issues, which provides a focus for action and develops sound regional responses to issues, such as the environment; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** COG is organizing a coalition of partners to raise community awareness of environmental issues presented by the Takoma Branch, and to begin efforts to reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, upgrade aquatic habitat, and control trash and floatable debris in and along the Takoma Branch; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the City Council of Takoma Park recognizes the potential benefits of improving the environmental quality of the Takoma Branch; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the City Council of Takoma Park believes that the best way to ensure the success of the Takoma Branch cleanup initiative is through COG's coordination of government agencies, environmental non-profit groups, neighborhood citizen associations, and other related entities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Takoma Park hereby agrees to partner with COG's Takoma Branch project, and hereby calls on the Chesapeake Bay Trust and other potential funding sources to grant sufficient money to ensure the success of the Takoma Branch project.

**ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

ATTEST:

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Catherine E. Waters, CMC  
City Clerk / Treasurer